



Society for Collegiate Journalists
National Honorary Society for Collegiate Mass Communications

The 2012 Arthur H. Barlow Award for the Student Journalist of the Year

You are invited to submit a nomination for the Barlow Award. This year's award recipient will be announced on www.scj.us and at the 2012 Biennial National Convention in Macon, GA. The award is named for longtime SCJ Executive Director, Dr. Arthur H. Barlow. Dr. Barlow was adviser to the Clarion University student newspaper, The Clarion Call and to the Clarion University student magazine, The Eerie. During his time as an adviser and SCJ Executive Director, Dr. Barlow as a fearsome advocate for college student journalism. He was fond of saying that he never believed that "student" was a pejorative adjective when describing a journalist.

This award is based on outstanding contributions to college journalism. It is designed to allow SCJ chapter advisers an opportunity to bring national recognition to a student journalist who meets the highest standards of ethics, service, leadership and technical skills.

The award itself is an outstanding walnut plaque emblazoned with a bronze medallion and the SCJ seal and engraved with the student's name. This award is made available by the SCJ National Council. There are NO entry charges to the chapter. The student must be an initiated member of the Society to be considered. In addition, the Student Journalist of the Year Award is supported with a \$500 scholarship.

DIRECTIONS: The nomination will be in four parts. Complete the entire form and submit the required supportive narrative and samples.

Section One: Nomination Application you will simply furnish basic information about the student nominee.

Section Two: General Evaluation you will respond to each question using the scale provided and provide a descriptive narrative to support your conclusion or include a nominating letter that addresses the criteria listed on the scale.

Section Three: Samples of Work you will furnish samples of the student's best journalism; in short, this section includes documents that demonstrate the student's professional/technical competence. You may submit CDs, DVDs, yearbooks, magazines, active web addresses, .pdfs, etc. Be sure to indicate the areas of the publication/production for which the student was responsible.

Section Four: Recommendations you will furnish at least two letters of recommendation and support. It is recommended that you secure one from a journalism instructor (other than the nominator) and a second from a fellow student journalist or staff member.

Please email questions to mearnhardt@ysu.edu.

Section One: Nomination Application

Name of nominator: _____

Position/Title of nominator: _____

Phone number of nominator: _____

Email address of nominator: _____

Name of nominee: _____

University: _____

Date on which the form was completed: _____

How long has the nominator known the nominee and in what capacity(ies):

Media organization(s): Please list all print, broadcast and web organizations for which the student has worked while in college.

Nominee Class Standing: Sophomore Junior Senior

Major area of study: _____

Anticipated month and year of graduation: _____

What is the student's overall GPA? _____

Section Two: General Evaluation

Evaluate your nominee according to each of the following criteria using the scale provided OR include a nomination letter that addresses the areas below. These areas are: nominee's support of the First Amendment, high ethical standards, leadership abilities, dedication to the community of journalists, and advocacy for student media.

1. This student is a strong advocate of the First Amendment.

(Circle one)

Excellent Strong Good Satisfactory Weak

What specific evidence can you provide to support your conclusion?

2. This student journalist practices high ethical standards of journalism.

(Circle one)

Excellent Strong Good Satisfactory Weak

What specific evidence can you provide to support your conclusion?

3. This student journalist exhibits admirable and effective leadership qualities.

(Circle one)

Excellent Strong Good Satisfactory Weak

What specific evidence can you provide to support your conclusion?

4. This student encourages fraternal spirit among student communicators.

(Circle one)

Excellent Strong Good Satisfactory Weak

What specific evidence can you provide to support your conclusion?

5. This student has advanced the cause of student media on campus.

(Circle one)

Excellent Strong Good Satisfactory Weak

What specific evidence can you provide to support your conclusion?

Section Three: Samples of Work

Provide 2-3 samples of the nominee's work. You may attach as tearsheets or list active web addresses or include a DVD or a CD. (If web addresses are inactive, this part of the application will be considered incomplete).

Section Four: Recommendations

At least two letters of recommendation are to be included with this nomination form. They should not be mailed separately; all nomination materials are to be mailed in one package.

Please list the names of each reference who is writing a letter of recommendation for your candidate.

Reference one: _____

Reference two: _____

**The award decision will be made by Past Presidents Drs. Bill Ruehlmann and Sheridan Barker.
They have final authority.**

**One package including all materials
must be postmarked or date-stamped on an email by:**

January 30, 2012

Mail to:

**Dr. Bill Ruehlmann
SCJ Past President
621 New Hampshire Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23508**

Or email to:

wjruehlmann@vwc.edu

Note: If you are emailing materials, please do NOT copy and paste into the email, instead, include as a .pdf attachment.